

SATURDAY NIGHT

i turned on the light
put out the cigarette
took off my sunglasses
put them on the table
locked the doors
turned off the stereo
took a piss
turned off the light
and walked straight into the wall.
split my lip
in 3 different places
on the outside
2 different places
on the inside.
all day long
at work
on sunday
i had to tell this story.
by the time i went off duty
i had it that three big dudes
came over to my house
and i barely escaped.

PARENTHOOD

my dog was sick
and pissed on the living room rug
every day for two weeks.
and i was mean about it
spanked her relentlessly
and sent her to bed without supper.
i'm nice to her again
she's better now
and i'm really sorry
i was too stupid
to realize that
something was wrong.
when i pet her
she can't get close enough
pushes real hard
against my hand
sticks to me
like fly paper
everywhere i go
she's so glad i love her
and bears me no grudge.